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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The most common WSS simulating systems utilize a 2-dimensional stiff surface, such as a glass slide, for the endothelial cell culture forming the wall of a

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